

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 P.M.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jim Lillo, Bay Co. Road Commission; Jack Wheatley, Rowe Engineering representing Bay City; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Supervisor; Jay Reithel, MDOT-Bay City; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; Dirk Westbury BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Wheatley, seconded by Augustyniak, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2011 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Sprague was not present and no update was given.

TIP Amendments - MDOT and Bay County Road Commission:

Engelhardt provided committee members with a TIP Project Table to better explain the amendments being requested. The MDOT amendment for increasing the funding for the Trunkline Program Scoping GPA to \$300,000 from \$81,000. Also, the Bay County Road Commission is delaying the North Union Road project until 2014 due to the fact that one of options for the location of a new water distribution plant is on 3 Mile Road and would use the North Union Road ROW as a major waterline connector into the city. This project's funding will be switched with Salzburg Road between 3 Mile Road and 4 Mile Road which was planned for 2014 and will now be constructed in 2012. No addition funds are added and the two projects are just changing places.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Bragiel, to amend the 2011-14 TIP to increase the Trunkline Program Scoping GPA and to move the North Union Road project to 2014 and bring a portion of the 2014 Salzburg Road project to 2012. Motion Passed.

TIP Amendments - City of Bay City:

The City of Bay City is asking for changes to the Johnson Street Project. There is a cost increase of approximately \$175,000 for the project, and with no additional STP funds the entire increase will have to be covered by the city. However, the City of Bay City isn't sure that it will be able to come up with the funding for the needed utility work on this project. Therefore, this project may not move forward. The City should know by mid-January. If the project does not go forward as planned, Engelhardt called for any other projects that could be put together on a short time line. Lillo stated that the remaining portion of the 2014 Salzburg project and/or extending the center turn lane on Midland Road past the school could be an option.

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A motion was made by Augustyniak, seconded by Fortune, to have Engelhardt work with the City of Bay City on all possible funding options and give Engelhardt administrative modification rights to adjust and make the required changes in the 2011-14 TIP for the City of Bay City Johnson Street Project. If the Johnson St project doesn't come to fruition, also grant Engelhardt the administrative modification rights to move the Salzburg project forward and/or the addition of a Midland Road project to replace the Johnson Street Project. Motion Passed.

Travel Demand Model:

Engelhardt discussed the preliminary results of the Travel Demand Model based on the presentation made by Don Mayle of MDOT. One change from the previous draft brought Mackinaw Road south of US-10 as a deficiency. Also highlighted on the maps were the locations of possible future road projects that would effect capacity which will be added in to the model for the future years. Other than that, there were no significant changes. The Travel Demand Model results will be plugged into the Long Range Plan.

BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Engelhardt let everyone know that he will need to have the costs associated with the projects listed on the BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Engelhardt talked to the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and would like to get their input for any future projects.

2012 Transportation Summit:

Engelhardt told committee members that there will be a 2012 Transportation Summit on Monday, January 30, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bay County Fairgrounds Canteen Building located at 800 Livingston, Bay City, Michigan. The purpose of the summit is to get input on upcoming transportation projects and transportation needs and issues in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

BCATS Title VI Policy:

Engelhardt said that MDOT requested a few minor "tweeks" that need to be made to the BCATS Title VI Policy. Engelhardt has also had the document reviewed by Marty Fitzhugh, Corporation Counsel. The final version of the BCATS Title VI Policy should be sent to the State soon.

Available Safety Forums:

As part of the agenda packet, Engelhardt discussed the available safety forums which are free from FHWA.

Projects Update:

All **MDOT projects** have been wrapped up for the year. The **Midland Road Project** is complete and will need some restoration in the spring. The GI for the **Salzburg Road Project** has been held. The **Walnut Street Project** has been wrapped up and will need some cleanup in the spring. The **Independence Bridge** is being worked on for structural maintenance.

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Other/New Business:

BCATS Annual Ad:

The BCATS Annual Ad will be placed in the December 29th edition of the Bay City Democrat, in Tom Hickner's monthly e-newsletter, and on the Transportation Planning webpage.

Increase Speed Limit on Un-Posted Roads:

There is a bill going through that will increase the speed limit on un-posted roads from 55 MPH to 65 MPH.

2012 Saginaw Bay Watershed Conference:

Stakeholders within the Saginaw Bay Watershed are invited to join Michigan State University's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Project Team at an upcoming regional conference being held on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at SVSU.

As there was no further business, the December 21, 2011 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

Transcribed by C. Gaul